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In re Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.62 submitted on December 29, 1996 of previous pending prior application of

BERNA, Philippe et al

Serial No. 08/321,589

Filed: Oct. 12, 1994

For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A

VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE

DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS

WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH

A DEVICE AND ITS USE

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Examiner: Tom Hughes

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The applicant has just received a notice of abandonment for the patent application serial No. 08/321,589 filed on October 12, 1994 for failure to respond to the Office letter mailed on 07/03/1995.

So it would be very kind of you of making tell the applicant what has been done with the continuation application which has been filed on December 29, 1995 under 37 C.F.R. 1.62 of said patent application serial No. 08/321,589. Normally, under 37 C.F.R. 1.62, said prior patent application ought to have been expressly abandoned as of the filing date of the continuation application, that is to say on December 29, 1995 and not only now.

The applicant has evidence that this continuation patent application has been received through UPS by the PTO on December 29, 1995 at 1.23 pm and that the name of the person who has signed for the PTO the acknowledgement of receipt is J.Scott.

No notification has been received up to now by the applicant of any serial number given to this continuation application despite the mail received by the PTO on December 29, 1995 was complete and in particular included the filing fee paid by travelers checks to the order of the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Up this moment, the prior patent application was still kept alive for a notice appeal had been filed just a month before with fee and

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An Office Action should be forthcoming within 2 months.

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extension fee also paid by travelers checks to the order of the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

The applicant thanks the Commissioner in advance for anything he would make for clearing the present situation.

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